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subject: Proposed Notice of Church Tax Examination

Examination Notice Deadline OCTOBER 19, 2007

My staff and I have reviewed the proposed Notice of Church Tax Examination (NCTE) to be issued to the state of the NCTE as we have concluded that the NCTE as revised meets the four legal requirements of I.R.C. § 7611(b)(3). We agree with the agent's conclusion, based on the organization's responses, that the political intervention issues were properly resolved at the inquiry stage. However, the organization's responses raise other potentially significant concerns identified in the Notice of Church Tax Inquiry issued on April 20, 2007. Accordingly, we have no objections to the issuance of the proposed NCTE. If you have any questions about this matter, do not he sitate to contact me.

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